

their leadership to prepare them for service. It is because of the dynamic leadership and vision of men and women like GEN Stump that our National Guard is able to operate with such professionalism.

Since I have had the pleasure of first working with GEN Stump, I have witnessed a man who had a clear vision for the future of the Michigan National Guard. To that end, he has tirelessly worked to improve the tools available to the soldiers under his command. He has worked to improve their hardware, facilities and training opportunities, and he has achieved success in each of these efforts. Today, the Michigan Army Guard possesses the UH-60 Black Hawk instead of the Vietnam era Huey Cobra helicopter. Additionally, airlift capacity has been enhanced with the addition of C-130 aircraft, F-16s have been upgraded with the addition of Litening targeting pods, and the Multiple Launch Rocket System is now available for use by the soldiers of the Michigan National Guard.

In just over a decade, GEN Stump has upgraded Michigan's Guard facilities by securing \$179 million in military construction funds that have been used for 32 projects throughout Michigan. Among these facilities is Selfridge Air National Guard Base, ANGB, a unique base because it is the only Air National Guard facility in the United States with all the branches of the service represented on the base. This is also the base where GEN Stump maintained his aeronautical skills and became qualified as an F-16 pilot.

Under GEN Stump's leadership, Michigan became one of 23 States to participate in the Department of Defense's State Partnership program that paired States with nations that were once part of the former Soviet Union. These partnerships sought to teach the militaries of these nations about the standards required by members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, NATO.

GEN Stump worked to develop the Michigan Youth Challenge program, a program that works with at-risk youth enabling them to earn their general equivalency diploma while enabling them to develop the skills needed to succeed in life. Additionally, GEN Stump was able to work with the State of Michigan to initiate a program with 18 colleges and universities in the State that coupled with the Montgomery GI Bill, virtually guarantees a free education for Michigan guard members. These programs have resulted in a manning increase from 84 percent to over 99 percent for the Michigan National Guard.

All of these efforts have paid important dividends for Michigan and the Nation. The Michigan National Guard has participated in over 10 Department of Defense missions including Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Joint Endeavor, Noble Eagle, and Enduring Freedom. Forces have also been provided to the 1996 Summer Olympics,

humanitarian missions throughout the world, and disaster relief efforts in Michigan. In the days and months following September 11, residents of Michigan saw the Michigan National Guard come to the aid of their fellow citizens. Guard members protected key sites, assisted at airports and aided Customs officials with their duties along the northern border between the United States and Canada. Their hard work helped our Nation remain secure and maintain the free flow of commerce between both nations.

GEN Stump's leadership has been recognized by his peers. He has been appointed to serve on the Reserve Forces Policy Board, the Adjutant Generals Association, and for the past 2 years as the president of the National Guard Association of the United States. GEN Stump has left an indelible impression upon the Michigan National Guard. I look forward to working with his successor, GEN Thomas Cutler, and I know that the new Adjutant General of Michigan will agree with me that his job has been made easier because of the hard work and dedication of GEN Stump. I commend GEN Gordon E. Stump for his long and distinguished career of service to the United States Air Force, the Michigan National Guard, and his Nation, and I know my Senate colleagues will join me in wishing him well in the years to come.●

HONORING ELSIE MEEKS

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to publicly honor Elsie Meeks of Kyle, SD, on her appointment to the Federal Reserve Board's Consumer Advisory Council.

Elsie will join 29 other members, selected from 167 nominees, on the Council for a 3-year term. Established by Congress in 1976, the Consumer Advisory Council advises the Federal Reserve Board on the exercise of its duties under the consumer credit protection laws and on other consumer-related matters, representing the interests both of consumers and the financial community.

Elsie's numerous accomplishments are remarkable. An enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe, she helped develop and was Executive Director of the Lakota Fund, a Native American community development financial institution on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Co-owner of the Long Creek Grocery in Wanblee, she received the distinguished "South Dakota Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year" award. In 1998 Elsie was nominated for Lieutenant Governor, becoming the first Native American woman nominated by a major party on a gubernatorial ticket in South Dakota. She was appointed by Senator DASCHLE in 1999 to serve as the first Native American on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Currently, Elsie is a board member of the National Community Capital Asso-

ciation and is the Executive Director of First Nations Oweesta Corporation, a subsidiary corporation of First Nations Development Institute, which provides technical assistance and training for the development and expansion of Native American community development financial institutions.

It is an honor for me to share Elsie's accomplishments with my colleagues and to publicly commend her for honorably serving South Dakota and the Nation. This prestigious honor is a reflection of her extraordinary service, commitment, and unwavering dedication to the Native American community. She will be a tremendous asset to the Consumer Advisory Council. Her accomplishments serve as a wonderful example for other hard-working and dedicated South Dakotans to emulate. On behalf of all South Dakotans, I would like to congratulate Elsie and wish her continued success.●

KIWANIS CLUB OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS-TETERBORO

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an organization that has been aiding the children of their community for fifty years. The Kiwanis Club of Hasbrouck Heights-Teterboro is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

For 50 years the club has conducted numerous projects to help sick children, abandoned children, special needs children, exceptional children and children suffering from poverty in their community. They help individuals of all ages from infants to senior citizens.

The Kiwanis Club is also honoring Dr. Burnett Eglow. Dr. Eglow is the only original charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Hasbrouck Heights-Teterboro that has been active in this club for all 50 years.

I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Dr. Burnett Eglow and the Kiwanis Club of Hasbrouck Heights-Teterboro for all they have done throughout their 50 years for their community.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN L. MCGOLDRICK

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding gentlemen from New Jersey. On January 20, The American Jewish Committee Institute of Human Relations Award Dinner will honor John L. McGoldrick. Since 1979, John McGoldrick has served as a director of the New Jersey Transit Corporation, which is the United States' third largest passenger rail and bus company. As anyone from New Jersey knows, passenger rail and bus service is extremely important to the commerce and quality of life in our State.

Currently John McGoldrick is executive vice president of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company. He is vice chairman of the company's executive committee and is responsible for Global Corporate